



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS,

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative at 31st December, 1956)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SA' MILLS, ETC.</u>				
s. d.				
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Cooper	333/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Award
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	320/-	"		Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award
Chairmaker	320/-	"		
French Polisher	320/-	"		
Wood Carver	320/-	"		
Wood Machinist	320/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS.-</u>				
Box and Case Maker	285/-	"		Timber Workers (Comm'th) Award
Labourer	259/-	"	"Experienced"(i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	315/-	"	"A" Grade machinists, n.i.e. tradesmen or with 4 years experience	
Moulding	315/-	"		
Planing	315/-	"		
Shaping	315/-	"		
Orderman	293/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	320/-	"	Log band sawyer	
Circular	312/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7 1/2"	
Tallyman	288/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	320/-	40		Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
Helper	268/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	254/-	"		
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION-</u>				
Electric Mechanic	320/-	"		Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Electrical Fitter	353/-	"	Include 15/- power station allowance	
Instrument Maker	353/-	"		
Linesman	338/-	"		
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	322/6	"	Tradesman	
Brassfinisher	320/-	"		
Coppersmith	322/6	"		
Fitter	320/-	"		

(a) Commonwealth-refers to awards of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. State - refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1956 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate s. d.	Hours	Remarks	Source	
<u>ENGINEERING - (Cont'd)</u>					
Labourer	254/-	40	Machinist 1st Class On double fires)	
Patternmaker	342/6	"			
Shaper	320/-	"			
Striker	272/6	"			
Turner	320/-	"			
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>					
Coremakers-machine	295/-	"	After 18 months experience	Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award	
Coremakers - jobbing	320/-	"			
Dressers	292/6	") Shot and sand blast-not operating from outside a properly enclosed cabin		
Furnacemen	290/-	"			Cupola
Moulders-machine	295/-	"			After 18 months experience
Moulders-jobbing	320/-	"			
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>					
Canister Maker	275/-	"	By hand)	
Machinist	267/-	"	Power-not elsewhere specified		
Solderer	267/-	"			
Sheet metal worker 1st class	320/-	"			
Sheet metal worker 2nd class	295/-	"			
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>					
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>					
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board (State) Bread Carters Board (State)	
Bread Carter	335/6	"			
Ovensman	362/6	") Bread Trade Board (State)	
Single Hand	385/10	"			
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS & CAKES) -</u>					
Baker	313/-	40) Biscuit Board (State)	
General Labourer	283/-	"			
Mixer	313/-	"			
<u>BREWING -</u>					
Cellarman	295/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries Award (Comm'th))	
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	290/6	"		Transport Workers (General (Comm'th))	
Labourer	288/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)	
Malt Hand	293/-	"		Liquor Trades (Malsters) (Comm'th)	
Towerman	295/-	"		Liquor Trades (Breweries Award (Comm'th))	
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>					
Carter (1 horse)	288/-	") The Meat Industry (Shops and Smallgoods Factories) Award - (Commonwealth)	
General Butcher	320/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display		
Shopman	320/-	"			
Smallgoodsman	320/-	"			
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>					
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	") Confectioners Board (State)
Storeman	306/6	"			
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>					
General labourer	272/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'th)	
Solderer	277/-	"			

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MAJES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1956 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
s. d. <u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. (Contd.)</u>				
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	341/-	40		} Meat Preservers Board (State)
Guillotine Hand	353/10	"		
Jokerman	337/-	"		
Packer	337/-	"		
Seamer	341/-	"		
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	360/-	"	In charge of a Shift in mill exceeding 10,000lb flour per hour	} Flour Millers Award (Comm'th)
Packerman	298/-	"		
Purifierman	302/6	"		
Smuttermen	302/6	"		
Storeman(Head)	313/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Topman	302/6	"		
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	281/-	"		} Pastrycooks Board (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Clicker	302/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric roans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	329/-	"		}
Presser	297/-	"		
Tailor	306/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				Clothing Trade Award (Comm'th)
Cutter	310/-	"		}
Presser	297/-	"		
Tailor	306/-	"		
Trimmer	297/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u>				
(Woollen Mills) -				
Carder	280/-	"	Balling up card operator	} Textile Industry (Woollen and Worsted Section) Award - (Comm'th)
Dyehouseman	280/-	"		
Labourer(General)	251/-	"		
Scourer (Wool)	289/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls	
Spinner	280/-	"		
Loom tuner	318/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 years experience	}
Warper (Plain)	283/-	"		
<u>BOOKS PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	320/-	40		} Graphic Arts Award (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	320/-	"		
Paper Ruler	320/-	"		
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
<u>Compositor(Machine) -</u>				
Day Work	409/-	38		} Printing Industry Employees Union Agreement
Night Work	444/-	38		
<u>Machinist(First Hand)-</u>				
Day Work	419/9	40		} Victorian Printers Operatives Union Agreement
Night Work	454/-	38		
<u>Publisher-(Day & Night)</u>	356/9	40		
<u>Reader -</u>	391/9	38		
Day Work	413/-	40		} Printing Industry Employees Union Agreement
Night Work	448/-	38		

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1956 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC. (Contd.)</u>				
<u>PRINTING (Contd.)</u>	s. d.			
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	415/3	39		} Victorian Printers } Operatives Union } Agreement
Night Work	450/3	38		
<u>PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	342/6	40		} The Graphic Arts } Award-(Comm'th)
Linotype Operator	342/6	"		
Machinist	320/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	
Reader	327/6	"		
Stereotyper	320/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		} Brick Trade Wages Board
Pitman	334/6	"	Other Facemen (other bricks)	
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman kilns	
Trucker	308/-	"		
Setter	326/-	"		
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	320/-	"		} Vehicle Industry Award (Comm'th)
Labourer	248/-	"		
Painter	312/6	"		
Springmaker	320/-	"		
Trimmer	312/6	"		
Wheelwright	320/-	"		
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	40		} Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) } Award-(Comm'th) } Plumbers Board (State) } Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) } Award-(Comm'th) } Gas Meter Board (State) } Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) } Award-(Comm'th)
Gasfitter	343/9	"		
Labourer	278/-	"		
Meter Tester	313/-	"		
Service Layer	305/6	"		
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/6	"	Melter and Alloyer	} Jewellers Board (State)
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK-</u>				
Canvas Worker	297/-	"		} Saddlery, Leather and } Canvas Workers Award- (Comm'th)
Leather Worker	297/-	"		
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING-</u>				
Beamsman	298/6	"		} Tanning Industry Award (Comm'th)
Labourer	268/6	"		
Line jobber	296/6	"		
Machinist -				
Shaving	306/-	"		
Splitting	323/6	"		
Unhairing	298/6	"		
Tableman	299/6	"		
<u>BUILDING-</u>				
Bricklayer	376/8	"	All other bricklayers	} Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	392/3	"		
Carpenter	348/6	"		} Carpenters and Joiners } Award (Comm'th)
Mason (Stone)	327/-	"		
Painter	374/2	"		} Painters Board (State)
Paperhanger	374/2	"		
Signwriter	374/2	"		} Plasterers Board (State) } Plumbers Board (State)
Plasterer (Surface)	376/8	"		
Lumber	380/9	"		

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1956 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
	s. d.		<u>BUILDING (Contd.)</u>	
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	293/4	40	} Builders Labourers- Ordinary	} Builders Labourers (Construction on Site) Award (Comm'th)
Carpenter's	293/4	"		
Concrete Worker	293/4	"		
Earth Excavator	293/4	"		
Gear Worker	304/2	"	} Builders Labourers - Skilled	
Scaffold Hand	304/2	"		
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>			<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>	
Engine Driver Loco -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	398/-	Ø	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	} Locomotive Enginemen's Award (Comm'th)
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	339/6	Ø	Driver (shunting)- After 1st year	
Fireman				
Ordinary	315/6	Ø	Fireman - After 1st year	} Railway Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th)
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	296/6	Ø	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd year	
Guard-				
1st Class	356/-	Ø	5th year of service	} Railway Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th)
2nd Class	341/-	Ø		
Porter -	294/6	Ø	Parcels, Class 1-2nd year of service	
Shunter -				
Leading	359/6	+	Leading, Class 1-2nd year of service	}
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
Signalman -				
1st Class	353/-	+		} Railways Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff Award- (Comm'th)
2nd Class	336/-	Ø		
3rd Class	323/-	Ø		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st year	286/-	Ø		} Tramway Employees (Melbourne) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd year	300/6	Ø		
Thereafter	300/6	Ø		
Labourer	281/-	Ø		
Track Repairer	289/-	Ø		
Tram Driver	308/-	Ø		
Pitman	312/-	Ø		
			<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>	
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	268/6	40		} Transport Workers (General) Award - (Comm'th)
2 Horses	281/-	"		
Stable Hand	263/-	"		
Motor Lorries & Waggon-				
3 tons	290/6	"		}
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	300/-	"		

Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

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Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate s.d.	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER) (Contd.)</u>				
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	9/10			Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	285/-	40		} Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award - (Comm'th)
Billiard Marker	265/-	"		
Cook	360/-	"	1st cook, 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	
Handyman	265/-	"		
Kitchenman	265/-	"		} Award - (Comm'th)
Porter	265/-	"		
Waiter	265/-	"		
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"		Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
<u>Engine Driver-</u>				
1st Class	308/-	40	With Condenser	} Engine Drivers and Firemen (General) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd Class	297/6	"	" "	
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	290/-	"		} Award - (Comm'th)
2nd Class	277/6	"		
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	272/6	"		} Municipal Employees (Melbourne City Council Agreement - (Comm'th)
Street Sweeper	278/-	"	Cleansing Labourer	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 1 (Boot Salesmen) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapery and Mens Clothing) (State)
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"		Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State)
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		Shops Board No. 15 (Grocers) (State)
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 16 (Hardware) (State)
Mens's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapery and Mens's Clothing) (State)
<u>STOREMAN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	306/6	"		} Storemen, Packers and Sorters Board (State)
Storeman (General)	306/6	"		

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>FOOD</u>				
Biscuit Making	217/-	40		Biscuit Board (State)
Confectionery	212/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
Bootmaking	206/6	"		Footwear Manufacturing Award - (Comm'th)
Dressmaking, Ready Made Cutter	220/6	"		
Millinery Cutter	220/6	"		
Shirt Making "	220/6	"		
Underclothing "	220/6	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) - ORDER -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	220/6	"		Clothing Trades Award - (Comm'th)
Trousers & Vest Hand	208/-	"		
Tailoress	306/-	"		
Adult Female	190/6	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	210/6	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	205/6	"		
Tailoress	306/-	"		
Adult Female	190/6	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u>				
Comb Minder	204/6	"	After 6 months experience	Textile Industry (Woolen & Worsted Section) Award - (Comm'th)
Darner and Mender	209/6	"	"	
Warper, Plain	206/6	"	"	
Weaver (loom)	209/6	"	"	
Gillbox Minder	202/6	"	"	
Other Adult	188/6	"	"	
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	207/6	40		
Sewer	207/6	"		
<u>WARDROBE BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	205/6	"	When boxes covered with Paper	
Other	196/-	"		Graphic Arts Award - (Comm'th)
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	207/6	"		
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award - (Comm'th)
Barmaid	285/-	40		
Housemaid	200/6	"		
Laundress	201/6	"		
Waitress - Head	207/6	"		
Other	200/6	"		Hotel and Restaurant Board (State)
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	208/6	"		
Waitress	208/6	"		Commercial Clerks Board (State)
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	239/6	"		Shops Board No.1 (Foot Dealers) (State)
Clerical Assistants	239/6	"		
<u>SHOPS -</u>				Shops Board No.9 (Drapers & Men's Clothing) (State)
Boot Saleswoman	222/-	"		
Drapery Saleswoman	313/-	"		Shops Board No.19 (Confectionery etc.) (State)
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	218/-	"		
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No.21 (Booksellers and Newsagents) (State)